

SENATE BILL 2023

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to establishing an accountability process to insure state government is efficient, forward-looking, focused, energetic, competent and transparent.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 of this act as new, appropriately designated sections.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of finance and administration shall establish a position within state government whose focus shall be to establish an accountability process within state government to insure that state government is efficient, forward-looking, focused, energetic, competent and transparent, hereafter referred to as the "EFFECTs" person or position.

SECTION 3. No new position shall be created for such EFFECTs position but a knowledgeable person currently employed by the state shall be designated as the EFFECTs person. Any staff that may be assigned to aid such EFFECTs person shall likewise be moved from existing positions.

SECTION 4. The EFFECTs person shall seek to do the following:

- (1) Utilize precise measures to determine the effectiveness of programs;
- (2) Work with the commissioner of finance and administration to ensure the productive use of the workforce;
- (3) Obtain timely and accurate information about the effects of personnel policies and the ways in which policies can be altered or enforced to improve morale and increase state services performance;
- (4) Examine methods to improve the rapid deployment of services; and

(5) Work to expand follow-up and the assessment of state constituent services.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.